



# St Robert Southwell School Newsletter



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Aiming for Excellence - Being the Best We Can Be

<p><b><u>Wellbeing &amp; Mental Health Vision</u></b></p> <p>To support everyone’s wellbeing and mental health, so that they can be the ‘Best they can Be,’ are happy together, resilient, ready to learn and succeed.</p>	<p><b><u>Mission Statement</u></b></p> <p>Following Jesus’ footsteps and inspired by St Robert Southwell, we work hard, aim high and treat everyone with honesty and gentleness.</p>	<p><b><u>Vision Statement</u></b></p> <p>Vision: Aiming for Excellence: <b>Being The Best We Can Be.</b></p>
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## Pope Francis



Pope Francis died on Monday, and his funeral will be held in St Peter's Square in Rome tomorrow morning. As the week draws to a close, we take a moment to remember the recent intentions of Pope Francis, calling us to be instruments of peace and healing and unity in today’s world. Together, we lift our hearts in prayer for the continued blessings of the Easter season and ask for guidance as we journey forward in faith as a community. Let us keep those intentions close to our hearts as we begin the summer term.

### Prayers

Lord of all generations, we thank You for the legacy Pope Francis leaves behind. Let his messages of hope, humility, and compassion remain in our hearts. May his example inspire current and future leaders to walk in truth and serve with humility. Keep his teachings alive in the life of the Church. Amen.

Gracious Lord, we thank you for blessing the world with the life of Pope Francis. His voice was one of reason, mercy, and love. We are grateful for his leadership, compassion, and commitment to justice. May our hearts be lifted in thanksgiving for his earthly mission. Amen.

Lord, strengthen the Church that Pope Francis faithfully led. May the seeds he planted continue to grow in love, truth, and unity. Guide the leaders who follow in his footsteps and bless the flock with faith and purpose. Amen.

## A Message of Hope and Resurrection



As we return to school, we are reminded of the Resurrection message – a powerful symbol of new life, hope, and renewal. In the spirit of St. Robert Southwell, let us continue to live with honesty, gentleness, compassion, peace, and care for one another and for our world.

Prayer:

Help us to carry the joy of Easter with us—not just today, but every day. Fill my heart with Your peace, my mind with Your truth, and my life with Your love. Let me be a reflection of Your grace to those around me. Amen

## Message



Welcome back! We are now in the final term of the academic year. We hope you had a restful and joyful Easter break and are feeling refreshed ready for the term ahead.

Well done to all the Year 6 children who completed holiday homework to keep their brains working in preparation for their SATs exams.

Thank you to all those children who completed and submitted competition entries.

Well done to all those children who achieved 100% attendance for the spring term. Make it a goal to be in school every day you are well and aim for 100% attendance this term.

Let us make this term one of joy, connection, growth, and celebration. Thank you for your continued support and partnership as we work together to provide the best for our amazing children.

## Non-Uniform Days – This term

**Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> May** VE Day – Own clothes day; wear party clothes - bring a donation for our fundraising initiative for an all-weather surface.

**Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> May** International Day. Come in international, cultural dress or the colours of the flag of your country of heritage.

**Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> June** Pentecost celebration day please wear the following colours.

Nursery & Reception	Red - to represent the symbol of fire
Year 1 & 2	Blue - to represent wind and water
Year 3 & 4	Black or white – to represent the spiritual hero inside all of us
Year 5 & 6	White – to represent peace

## VE day



We will be honouring VE Day in a range of ways. Wearing our own party clothes, classroom reflections, peace-themed creative activities and a celebration. Children will learn about the values of freedom, unity, and peace, and create symbols of hope.

## Friends' International Day

We are excited to begin preparations for our International Day which culminates in a feast of food with flavours from across the world. It is a celebration of our school's rich diversity, which includes food, music, and traditions.

There is an information meeting for anyone willing to provide food, drink or serve at a table next Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> May at 2.15pm in the Library. If you can help in any way, please come along to this information meeting or to the Friends Association committee meeting at 7.00pm on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> May. If you are attending the evening meeting, you may park in the car park.

If you would like to help out or join the Friends' committee, please contact the school office – we would love to hear from you!

## Sustainability competition St Robert Southwell

As stewards of creation, Miss Dobrowolski and Mrs McKnight Posner launched a Recycling Competition at our world Earth Day assembly on Monday. The aim of the competition is to promote creative ways to reuse, reduce, and recycle. Exciting prizes to be won!

Rule of entry: Only use recycled/reused materials you ALREADY have. You must not purchase anything new for your project.

Nursery & Reception	Use junk modelling to create a minibeast home
Year 1 & 2	Make an aquarium - use a waterproof container (i.e. plastic) and decorate it to make it inviting for a sea creature to live in.
Year 3 & 4	Use textiles (materials) to create a new t-shirt design, for example you can cut out a heart shape from one t shirt and sew it onto another one.
Year 5& 6	Make a whole outfit from used clothing or recycled material (glue bottle caps onto an old jacket. Use clothes or items you never wear anymore to make something new).

We will have a celebration to show off all your work on World Environment which is Thursday 5th of June. You must have everything ready and brought to school on **Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>**. Please do not bring anything early as it may get damaged or broken before the celebration.

### **Phonics Information Meeting**

Phonics information meetings for Reception parents will take place at 9.00am and 6.30pm on Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> April in school.

This is an important meeting for parents to understand our phonics programme and to be able to help their children with phonics and reading at home.

### **Attendance**

A gentle reminder: everyday counts. Please aim for consistent, on-time attendance so your child can enjoy all the rich learning and fun of the summer term.

### **Final Prayer**

Fill our hearts with resurrection power, renew our spirits with Your love, and let us walk boldly in the freedom Christ has won for us. May our lives declare the truth: He is risen! He is risen indeed! In the mighty name of Jesus, we pray. Amen!